

May 20, 2002

The St. Paul Companies
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State of Utah
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Oil & Gas
1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

RE: Principal: Ash Grove Cement Company
Bond No. 400JS8015
\$698,200 Mined Land Reclamation Bond

Gentlemen:

The above captioned bond has been replaced effective April 30, 2002 with bond number: _____ through Travelers Surety Company. Therefore, it is our intent that this letter serve as our termination notice.

We request that you please release us from this obligation effective April 30, 2002. If you are unable to release us as of this date, then it is understood that in compliance with the bond provision, our liability shall cease effective (90) ninety days after your receipt of this letter. We further request your written acknowledgment of our release. Your notations can be made at the bottom of this letter, returning the same in the enclosed pre-addressed, postage paid envelope.

A copy of the bond is enclosed for your use in locating the document in your files. Thank you for your assistance to us in this matter.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,
Natalie
Natalie A. Siegman
Attorney-in-Fact

cc: Debbie Scarborough @ Lockton Companies Inc.
Ash Grove Cement Co., P.O. Box 25900
Shawnee Mission, KS 66210 (CERTIFIED NO. 70010360000016166599)

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